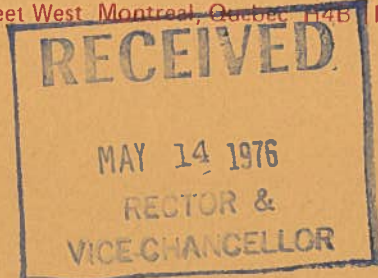


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R.B. Duder to be Honored May 29

R.B. (Paddy) Duder, a senior administrator at Concordia University, will receive an honorary Doctor of Letters from Memorial University of Newfoundland on May 29.

Mr. Duder, a Rhodes Scholar and retired Canadian diplomat, serves as an assistant to the Vice-Rector and assistant to the Principal of the Loyola Campus at Concordia University.

Mr. Duder, of 9 Severn Avenue, Westmount, will receive the honorary degree at Memorial University's Spring Convocation at the St. John's Arts and Culture Centre.

Rudolph (Paddy) Bi Duder has had a distinguished career in Canada's Foreign Service and in academic life.

Born in St. John's, March 16, 1912, he was educated at Bishop Feild College. He attended Memorial University College from 1927 to 1929 and earned his Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Degree from McGill University in 1932. Named Rhodes Scholar for Newfoundland in 1932, Mr. Duder went on to study at Oxford University receiving his B.A. degree in 1935 and M.A. 1938. He also holds the Diploma of the University of Dijon in the teaching of French, and the degree of A.M. from Harvard University, being an Austin Fellow and Shattwick Scholar while there.

He held the post of Assistant Lecturer and later Associate Professor of English at Memorial University College from 1935-1941 and from 1943 to 1944.

Transferring from the Newfoundland Forces in 1944 to the British Army, Mr. Duder served in several capacities in the British occupied zone of Germany until 1950 when he he joined the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa.

His diplomatic posts included: First Secretary, Belgrade, Yugoslavia, October 1953; Chargé d'Affaires, Vienna; Austria Advisor to the Canadian Commissioners, International Supervisory Commission, Indochina, September 1954 and appointed Canadian Commissioner, International Supervisory Commission for Cambodia from November 1954.

Mr. Duder was Foreign Service Member, Directing staff of the National Defence College in Kingston from 1955-1957. In September 1957, he was appointed Counsellor and Head of Chancery, Tokyo, Japan, becoming Canadian Chargé d'Affaires there in 1960. Later that year, Mr. Duder was named Head of the Commonwealth Division of the External Affairs Department, a position he held until 1962 when he was transferred to the Department's Historical Division.

He was the Senior Canadian Representative on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization in September 1963 and represented the country in several international aviation conferences until he retired from the public service in 1966.

In October 1966, he became assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Governor's (later Board of Trustees) of Loyola College, Montreal.

He participated in the negotiations which led to the legal establishment on August 24, 1974 of Concordia University, a union of Sir George Williams University and Loyola College.

In Concordia University, he is now both Assistant to the Vice-Rector and Principal of the Loyola Campus, and Secretary to the Board of Governors of the University and of its Executive, Finance and Nominating Committees.